

1 THE EMBODIMENTS OF THE INVENTION IN WHICH AN EXCLUSIVE
2 PROPERTY OR PRIVILEGE IS CLAIMED ARE DEFINED AS FOLLOWS:

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- 5 1. A tip section for customizing a cue stick, the tip section comprising:
 - 6 a. a hollow tube having a first end and a second end, the tube having an exterior providing a
7 substantially smooth surface, the tube having a wall capable of self- support;
 - 8 b. a first attachment site adjacent to said first end for connecting said tube to a cue tip; and
 - 9 c. a second attachment site adjacent to said second end for connecting said tube to a butt
10 section.
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12 2. The tip section of claim 1 further comprising an augmenting element securable to an interior
13 position within the hollow tube, said augmenting element being selected from the group
14 comprising: a weight and a stiffening member;
15 wherein placement of said augmenting element tailors an operational characteristic of the
16 hollow tube.
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18 3. The tip section of claim 2 wherein placement of said augmenting element in the interior
19 position within the hollow tube is determined by a locator.
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21 4. The tip section of claim 1 wherein the hollow tube is composed of a metal selected from the
22 group consisting of: lightweight steel, polished aluminum, magnesium alloy and stainless
23 steel.
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25 5. The tip section of claim 1 wherein said augmenting element is a stiffening member secured
26 to an interior position within said hollow tube.
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28 6. The tip section of claim 5 wherein said stiffening member is between 1 and 10 inches long.
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- 1 7. The tip section of claim 6 wherein said stiffening member is composed of a material selected
2 from the groups consisting of wood, plastic, high-tensile metal, lightweight steel, aluminum,
3 magnesium alloy and stainless steel.
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- 5 8. The tip section of claim 1 wherein said augmenting element is a weight secured to an interior
6 position within said hollow tube.
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- 8 9. The tip section of claim 1 wherein the substantially smooth surface of the tube is selected of
9 the group comprising: chrome-plating, polished aluminum, titanium, high-gloss finish,
10 polishing.
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- 12 10. A tip section for customizing a cue stick, the tip section comprising:
13 a. a hollow, chrome-plated steel tube having a first end and a second end, a hollow tube
14 having a first end and a second end, the tube having a wall capable of self- support;
15 b. a first attachment site adjacent to said first end for connecting said tube to a cue tip;
16 c. a second attachment site adjacent to second end for connecting said tube to a butt section;
17 d. an augmenting element securable to an interior position within the hollow tube, said
18 augmenting element being selected from the group comprising: a weight and a stiffening
19 member;
20 wherein placement of said augmenting element in the interior position within the hollow tube
21 is determined by a locator,
22 wherein placement of said augmenting element tailors an operational characteristic of the
23 hollow tube.
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- 25 11. A kit for customizing a tip section of a cue stick, the kit comprising:
26 a. a hollow tube having a first end and a second end, the tube having an exterior providing a
27 substantially smooth surface, the tube having a wall capable of self- support;
28 b. a first attachment site adjacent to said first end for connecting said tube to a cue tip; and
29 c. a second attachment site adjacent to second end for connecting said tube to a butt
30 section.

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- 2 12. The kit of claim 8 wherein said kit further comprising an augmenting element securable to an
- 3 interior position within the hollow tube, said augmenting element being selected from the
- 4 group comprising: a weight and a stiffening member;
- 5 wherein placement of said augmenting element tailors an operational characteristic of the
- 6 hollow tube.
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- 8 13. The kit of claim 9 wherein placement of said augmenting element in the interior position
- 9 within the hollow tube is determined by a locator.